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Application of: Thomas Albertson et al.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 30, 2007, which did not address the merits of the application, but required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.